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# ANNIVERSARY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

GREENVILLE. TEXAS

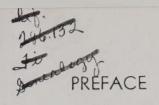
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YOUR HISTORIA COMMITTEE submits this work and in so doing we do not claim any work of art, scholarship or literature for it and neither do we assert that the record is complete covering the 100 years history of the First Baptist Church, Greenville, Texas. It is only a collection of data which we think will be of interest to those who are members, and who yet may become members, of our church, and their friends and relatives. We worked when you were working, we worked when you were playing. We had nightmares when you had sweet dreams. We had nervous breakdowns (almost) when you had only spring fever. We looked at your pictures, then we looked again, again, and then again, and finally you all looked like handsome kings and charming queens. We checked your names, your first, your middle, your last. We checked the way you spell it, we've checked the spelling again and again. If we have made mistakes, forgive us. No doubt it was done when blood-red eyes blurred our vision and tomorrow's deadline fogged our brain. But all in all, we found joy in the task for we had faith that we could finish it.

It is hoped and believed that this HISTORIA will be prized and cherished by you who now scan through its scrambled pages, and by those who do so in years to come.

We wish to express our appreciation to all who have in any way contributed to the Centennial Celebration and to the publication of this HISTORIA.

We want to thank the church for giving us this opportunity of service. Because we have had this privilege of glancing back, we have a deeper love and appreciation for our church and for what it stands. Our glorious past should spur us on to even greater endeavors in the future.

Our prayer is that the membership of this church may never forget that the New Testament church is the Bride of Christ, that the church is God's medium through which Christians should work, that the task of the church is winning the lost to Christ.

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PREFACE

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#### BACKWARD GLANCE FORWARD ADVANCE

Since 1858 thousands of members at one time or another have claimed this as their church home. These members have left a trail of progress easily discernible and greatly appreciated. These pioneers have bequeathed to us their assets and their example.

We stand as it were on a summit looking back over ground covered and looking forward into the uncharted domain of the future. Only God can properly evaluate the last century and only God can chart the course for the next 100 years. May God be our guide through the uncharted years just before us.

Our appreciation for what has been must be coupled with dedication for what shall be. I would like to think that 100 years hence some pastor of the



NEAL T. JONES
Pastor

First Baptist Church could be as proud of the history we make as we are proud of the history just concluded. We shall never stand here again but we can stand in such a way that Jesus will be exalted for another century to come.

The people of the First Baptist Church are currently sponsoring a most progressive program espoused by Southern Baptists. We have sought to provide for religious education on its highest level.

To increase efficiency we have a minister of education responsible for all religious education. Our growth in this program has necessitated a youth activities building which we are just now utilizing. Mr. J. Kenneth Robinson and his associates are engaged in plans for further expansion of our present educational facilities.

This is the second time our church has divided the music ministry and the educational ministry.

Mr. C. Lamar Alexander has placed our music program in a new light. The enrollment is far higher than ever before and the quality of Christian music is outstanding.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Robinson are associates that make my work pleasurable.

Just around the corner in the immediate future we are all visualizing an auditorium. Friends are constantly speculating as to its size and place. We will not have to wait another 100 years for new buildings and a new church house. Spiritual optimism is the phase that fits our people these days. We are a people with appreciation for the past and anticipation for the future! May God give this church an infilling from His spirit for the days ahead.

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#### DEDICATION

We humbly dedicate this HISTORIA to the cause of God the Father, who loved us before we loved Him; of Jesus Christ; the Author and Finisher of our Salvation; and of the Holy Spirit, who guides, comforts, and seals us for that glorious Day when we shall be ushered into our Heavenly home—

#### "CHRIST IS ALL, AND IN ALL"

TO THE ARTIST

Christ—The One Altogether Lovely

TO THE ARCHITECT
Christ—The Chief Cornerstone

TO THE BAKER
Christ—The Living Bread

TO THE BIOLOGIST Christ—The Life

TO THE BUILDER

Christ—The Sure Foundation

TO THE CARPENTER Christ—The Door

TO THE DOCTOR

Christ—The Great Physician

TO THE EDUCATOR
Christ—The Great Teacher

TO THE ENGINEER

Christ—The New and Living Way

TO THE FARMER

Christ—The Sower and Lord of the Harvest

TO THE FLORIST

Christ—The Rose of Sharon
and the Lily of the Valley

TO THE HORTICULTURIST Christ—The True Vine

TO THE JUDGE
Christ—The Righteous Judge,
the Judge of All Men

TO THE NEWSPAPER MAN
Christ—The Good Tidings of Great Joy

TO THE PHILOSOPHER

Christ—The Wisdom of God

TO THE PREACHER
Christ—the Word of God

TO THE STATESMAN

Christ—The Desire of all Nations

TO THE TOILER

Christ—The Giver of Rest

TO THE SINNER

Christ—The "Lamb of God That Taketh
Away The Sin of the World"

TO THE CHRISTIAN

Christ—The Son of the Living God—The
Saviour, The Redeemer and Lord

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#### HISTORIA EDITOR

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH is undertaking the greatest expansion program of her entire history. We now need a deeper insight into the true greatness of the occasion. God has brought us to this hour of advance in our One Hundredth Anniversary.

For the past One Hundred years this church has made a valuable contribution to the moral and spiritual life of the city of Greenville. Her influence has been felt in the mission fields through missionaries sent out through the gifts of the congregation.

We take pride and feel honored to be a member of the church staff in this great church. We are proud of our pastor who has proved himself as a warmhearted pastor, a fervent soul-winner, a dynamic preacher, a true friend, and a definite asset to the community life of Greenville.



C. LAMAR ALEXANDER
Minister of Music

My prayer is that we will continue to follow the leadership of our pastor for we feel that his wisdom is of God. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

LOOKING BACK. It is a fine thing to look back. It enables us to rejoice in our successes and to profit by our failures. It allows us to give thanks to God for His marvelous care of us. It helps us to realize how far we have come. It enables us to know something of the price that has been paid that we might have all we enjoy today. It allows us to see the toil and grief and joy of our fathers and mothers and leaders had in planting and nurturing this work which we love so well. Yes, it is a fine thing to look back.

LOOKING FORWARD. It would be a tragic thing to live in the past. Our success would become the stones over which we would stumble. Our victories would be the basis of inexcusacle self-complacency. Our failures would become the foundations of morbid defeatism. Our rejoicing would become arrogant pride. The glorying which we have in the accomplishments of our fathers and mother would become the vehicle upon which we would attempt to ride to fame. The spiritual gratification which we have in accomplishments of other years would destroy the passion of our souls for lost men and women who live in every part of the world. It would be a tragic thing to live in the past. Thank God for the past! Thank God for the future! From where I serve the opportunity for building a greater First Baptist Church is often larger than our ability to grasp, but I can humbly say what a splendid prospect! May He lead on as we move into the second century.



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C. E. ARANT, SR.

### General Chairman of Centennial Committee

One of the most respected and highly regarded members of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, Mr. C. E. Arant, was born in Elmo, Texas, the son of a Baptist minister. Brother Arant was one of four children who blessed this home, three of whom survive. One of Mr. Arant's brothers followed in his father's footsteps as a minister of the gospel. Mr. Arant has also fathered four children. Charles, Jr., who holds membership in this church, is associated with his father in business: another son lives in Dallas, a son resides in New York City, the fourth child, a daughter, died some years ago.

Mr. Arant has served the Lord for many years. For 47 years, he has taught a Sunday school class and for the last 40 years he has served as a member of the body of deacons after his ordination by this church during the ministry of Dr. A. A. Duncan. Mr. Arant has served in many offices and numerous committees.

During these years of service for the Lord, Mr. Arant has served his community as a teacher for 25 years in the public schools and Burleson College followed by 31 years as an insurance agent. During his 25 years as a teacher, he served as principal of old North Ward in Greenville and as head of the Academy Department of Burleson College as well as teacher of history and math.

Mr. Arant has headed up the Centennial Committee composed of sixteen members which has diligently worked and planned to promote this Centennial celebration of continuous service by the First Baptist Church to the spiritual needs of Greenville.

Mrs. Arant is a faithful member of our church. She stands ready at all times to assist in every way possible for the furtherance of the gospel in this community.

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#### FOR SUCH AN HOUR AS THIS

Throughout Biblical history it has been said of men like Moses, John the Baptist, Paul, "they were raised up by God for such an hour as theirs."

Today we would not attempt to place ourselves in such a position as these men, but without a doubt, I think we can say that First Baptist Church was raised up for such an hour as this.

The history of our great church stands as a testimony to the fact that it has ministered well to the spiritual needs of the area God in His wisdom has set us.

Every building stands to give testimony to the thousands who have passed our way of the dedication of those who have labored with a vision of a greater Bible teaching ministry.



J. KENNETH ROBINSON Minister of Education

From one class, perhaps as far back as 1858, to the present with multiple buildings providing for multiple departments of teaching and training for every member of every family in Greenville is the memorial of dedication to God and those of us who seek to build here now from those who provided this "house not built with hands."

The future is as bright at First Baptist Church as the vision of you and me as its members. Prospects for enlargement are as promising as is our willingness to put self aside. The outreach of our religious education program is as far reaching as faith is willing to go. Many, many phases of our program of religious education have not yet been touched.

With a distinct pride in our past for a greater vision of what the Lord has in store for us, let us march on as men of destiny. And may that destiny be in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Worlds are changing, heav'n beholding;
Thou hast but an hour to fight;
Now, the blazoned cross unfolding;
On, right onward for the right!
For the truth's sake go abroad!
Strike! let ev'ry nerve and sinew
Tell on ages, tell for God.



#### DEACONS

Left to Right—First row: J. F. Daniel, O. R. Edwards, F. J. Speed, J. E. Windle, Jimmie Jackson, Neal T. Jones, pastor; Wendell Cherry, Guy Ray, chairman of Deacons; David Shirey, Pat McMeans.

Second row: W. O. Narramore, J. G. Yeager, Raymond Stephens, J. A. Norton, Duke Harrison, Jack Finney, F. E. Shirey, Ernest Haney, Jess Reece, Neil White, Sr., Doyle Underhill, C. C. Pearce, H. H. Shirley, A. A. Shumate.

Third row: R. H. Finney, Sr.; Winford Bolton, R. E. Tarpley, Sr., W. E. Little, Adrian Hudson, Edwin Ward, C. R. Mayo, C. E. Arant, Sr., Ford Molen, Steve Wheeless, V. A. Townes, J. Phil Mockford, D. N. King.

Not Shown: Bert Marshall, Paul Robbins, James Lodwick, H. G. Decker, I. C. McWhirter.

BELOW is our Dactylology Department. Mrs. R. T. Dooley, Jr. is interpreter.







#### GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

PICTURE ABOVE left to right, seated: Ray Parmely, Neal T. Jones, Pastor, Dr. J. Phil Mockford, Duke Harrison. (Insert).

Standing: C. Lamar Alexander, Mrs. C. Lamar Alexander, Miss Ruby Salter, J. Kenneth Robinson, Miss Bessie Salter, King B. King.



Bill Parker General Superintendent

### HISTORICAL SKETCH OF FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The exact date of origin of the Sunday School of First Baptist Church is not known. The first record available is in 1884 when the Sunday School enrollment was 100 with an average attendance of 75. These 100 were taught by 8 teachers.

As far back as 1908 the church is known to have conducted regular training for its members. In January of 1908 the church, by vote, began cooperating with Burleson College in a regular January Bible Conference Week.

In February 1908 the church requested all teachers of the Sunday School to begin taking prescribed training courses. Between the years 1910 to 1926 the complete convention course was taught.

Continuous growth under the leadership of 34 pastors, and at least 25 superintendents of the Sunday School has brought the enrollment to its present 1550 pupils in 25 departments with 95 classes under the leadership of 209 officers and teachers.

The future was never brighter than now. The prayer of the leaders of the Sunday school is that many other Sunday schools may be started by our church and they in turn develop into great and mighty churches for our Lord and Master.





NURSERY I-A

"Every child born into the world is a new thought of God, an ever-fresh and radiant possibility."—Kate Douglas Wiggin

Superintendent: Mrs. B. H. Jones

Workers: Mrs. E. L. Goen, Mrs. C. V. Roberts, Mrs. A. A. Langford



#### NURSERY I-B

'A sweet, new blossom of humanity, fresh fallen from God's own home to flower on earth."—Gerald Massey.

Superintendent: H. L. Skinner.

Workers: Robert Bennett, Mrs. Martin Luhn, Miss Martha Routh, Mrs. R. E. Tarpley, Jr.





NURSERY 2

Superintendent: W. H. Bowden. Workers: Mrs. W. A. Hunter, Mrs. W. H. Bowden, Mrs. Thomas W. Beggs. Mrs. W. M. Wells, Mrs. Roy Green.



NURSERY 3

Superintendent: Mrs. L. A. Schott Workers: Mrs. Ira Coles, Mrs. Hoyt Gabbard, Mrs. Roy Rayburn, Mrs. Marvin Reiger,

Miss Geogia Lee Williams.





#### BEGINNER 4

Superintendent: Mrs. O. M. Delaney. Workers: Miss Dorothy King, Mrs. James Lodwick, Sr., Mrs. J. J. Randolph, Mrs. G. A. Sadler, Mrs. C. A. Sheram, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Ples S. Brown, Mrs. Marvin Nix.



#### BEGINNER 5

Superintendent: Mrs. J. C. Priester. Workers: Mrs. Irma Busby, Mrs. A. T. Glasscock, Mrs. David Narramore, Mrs. Guy Ray, Mrs. H. L. Reynolds, Mrs. Edgar Biggs, Sr., Mrs. Ed Webb, Beth Cate.





#### PRIMARY 6

Superintendent: Mrs. Jack Finney. Mrs. W. D. Hilton, Associate: Mrs. H. F. Curtis, Pianist: Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Secretary. Teachers: Mrs. W. L. McKinney, Mrs. J. D. Gambrell, Mrs. W. C. Parker, Mrs. John E. Wilkins, Mrs. Homer Wilkins.



#### PRIMARY 7

Superintendent: Mrs. C. E. Arant: Mrs. Sally Steed, Associate: Mrs. Addie Brasher, Secretary: Mrs. K. L. Ward, Mrs. Howard Jacobs, Song Leader & Pianist. Teachers: Mrs. A. B. McGuire, Mrs. Earl Ross.

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#### PRIMARY 8

Superintendent: Mrs. F. E. Starling; Mrs. C. E. Nesbitt, Associate: Mrs. A. A. Shumate, Secretary; Mrs. Hines George, Song Leader; Mrs. F. E. Benson, Pianist. Teachers: Mrs. W. C. Trimble, Mrs. Roscoe Wallace. Mrs. Dwight Rhodes, Miss Hazel Spinks, Mrs. Oscar Long, Mrs. J. H. Abbott, Mrs. H. W. Maier, Associate.



#### JUNIOR 9

Superintendent: David Narramore: Miss Wanda Rice, Associate and Pianist: W. D. Hilton, Secretary. Teachers: Mrs. C. L. Price, Mrs. Raymond Stephens, Mrs. C. M. Pickens, Mrs. Bert Marshall, L. C. Rhames.





#### JUNIOR 10

Superintendent: J. W. Dickerson; Miss Virginia Holder, Associate; W. E. Biggs, Secretary; Mrs. H. D. Elkins, Pianist. Teachers: Mrs. Faye Shuler, Mrs. E. L. Ward, Mrs. Leo Hackney, W. C. McCord, Edwin L. Ward.



#### JUNIOR 11

Superintendent: Mrs. Ivan Daley; Ivan Daley, Associate; Mrs. S. F. Robbins, Secretary. Teachers: Mrs. C. M. Cole, Mrs. Jesse Miller, Mrs. W. D. Curtis, R. T. Dooley, C. E. Wilson, A. A. Shumate.





JUNIOR 12

Superintendent: Mrs. Hal Bryan; Miss Maxie Thomas, Associate; Mrs. Ernest Hodge, Pianist, Teachers: Maxie Thomas, Mrs. Wendell Poole, Hoyt Gabbard, Clarence Pearce.



## INTERMEDIATE I

Superintendent: Mrs. C. E. Turner; Roy Yandall, Secretary: Bob Webb, Song Leader. Teachers: Mrs. Bob Phillips, Mrs. Glen Caraway, Miss Evelyn Ward, Mrs. David Hensley, Leo Hackney, Lee Pennington, Bob Webb.





#### INTERMEDIATE 2

Superintendent: Mrs. H. E. Price, Mrs. Fred Chavey, Associate; Mrs. Floy Stevens, Secretary; Mrs. H. A. Stegner, Associate. Teachers: Mrs. H. L. White, Mrs. J. E. Windle, C. A. Sheram, J. W. Bolton, W. F. Molen.



## YOUNG PEOPLE I

Superintendent: Jesse Miller; Miss Winnie Davis Temple. Associate and Secretary; Miss Emily Robbins; Pianist. Teachers: Mrs. J. W. Bolton, Steve Wheeless, Guy Ray A. D. Koger.





#### YOUNG PEOPLE 2

Superintendent: Mrs. Mary Glasscoe; Mrs. W. D. Morris, Associate; Miss Anne Garber, Secretary; Ernest Hodge, Song Leader. Teachers: Mrs. John L. Sanders, Ernest Hodge.



## MARRIED YOUNG PEOPLE

Superintendent: David Shirey: Mrs. David Shirey. Associate and Pianist Teachers: Mrs. Steve Wheeless, Mr. John Sanders, Mrs. H. L. Skinner.





### ADULT I DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Mrs. Neal T. Jones; Mrs. R. E. Tarpley, Sr., Mrs. Bob Brown, Associates; Mrs. O. B. Laney, Secretary; Mrs. C. L. Alexander, Pianist. Teachers: Mrs. L. C. Rhames, Mrs. C. R. Mayo, Vernon Stark, Milburn Anglin, C. R. Mayo, Mrs. H. R. Duncan, Mrs. T. B. Aldridge, Associate.



## ADULT 2 DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Mrs. Sanders Burt: Thad Bailey, Associate: Mrs. Thad Bailey. Secretary: Mrs. W. A. Berry, Pianist. Teachers: Mrs. Duke Harrison, Mrs. Harris Darwin, Mrs. J. Phil Montford. Mrs. Mack Livingston, Bill Parker, Bob Phillips, C E. Arant, Sr.

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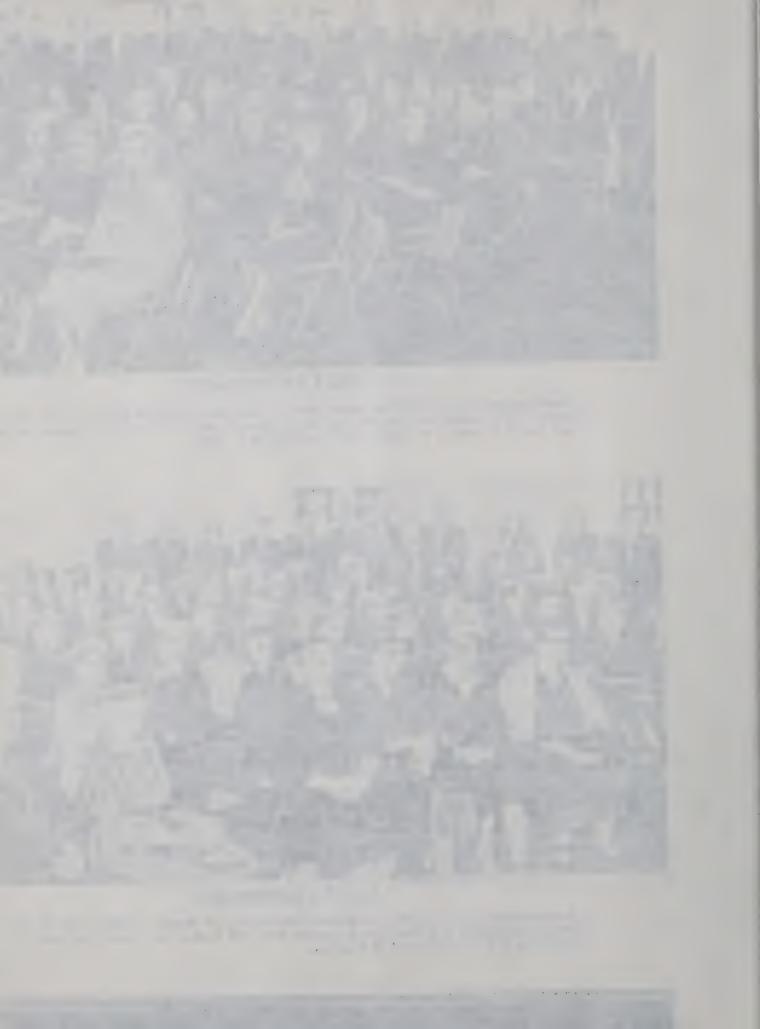
#### ADULT 3 DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Mrs. Paul Mathews; Adrian Hudson, Associate: Mrs. Paul Robbins. Secretary: Jimmie Jackson, Sona Leader; Mrs. Jack Monroe. Pianist. Teachers: Mrs. Sam Hagood, Miss Bernie Jo Reagan, Mrs. T. R. Neal, J. H. Abbott, John Randolph, W. E. Little.



## ADULT 4 DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Claude Martin: Pat McMeans, Associate: E. P. Robbins, Secretary: W. O. Narramore, Song Leader: T. R. Neal, Pianist, Teachers: Mrs. Dick Hughes, Mrs. Marian McElreath. J. H. Flewharty, V. A. Townes, Mrs. T. B. Breedlove.





ADULT 5 DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: R. E. Tarpley, Sr.: O. R. Edwards, Associate; J. A. Norton, Secretary; Jesse Reece Song Leader; Mrs. J. Ivy Miller. Pianist. Teachers: Mrs. A. A. Duncan, Mrs. Earl Rollins, Jack Walraven, Elmo Parnell, Miss Lillian Mitchell, Dr. Raleigh Wright.



SILENT FRIENDS CLASS

Mr. Emo Parnell, one of our silent friends, is teacher for this class.





#### CRADLE ROLL

"A Christian Home For Every Baby" is the aim of our Cradle Roll Department. Here Mrs. Matt Sheley, Superintendent of the Department, enrolls the new arrival of the Harold Klassens. The Cradle Roll Department will take the Sunday school into the home until she is enrolled in one of our well equipped Nurseries.



## EXTENSION

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tapp are typical of the 121 who are enrolled in our Extension Department which ministers to those who for providential reasons are unable to attend Sunday school. In a literal sense our Extension Department takes the Sunday school to them. Mrs. Earl Rollins is superintendent.



#### TRAINING UNION HISTORY

Records reveal that First Baptist Church, Greenville, Texas had a Training Union known at the time as B. Y. P. U., as far back as 1907. C. E. Dinkle served as President in 1907-1908. It is recorded that we had representatives attend the State Training Union Conventions and the State Training Union Encampments as far back as the early 1900's. From time to time through the years members of the Training Union of First Baptist Church have served in official capacity in the associational organization, district organization, state and southwide organization. Mrs. Alice King and Mrs. Pat Mc-Means have served as state approved workers and visited many of our Baptist churches in Texas in the promotion, expansion and development of Training Union work. For more than fifty years our church has maintained complete and Imodern Training Union organizations by departments according to the Southern Baptist Convention program.

Numerous young people from our Training Union have gone out in full time service for the Lord to preach the gospel, lead in music and religious education, and as home and foreign missionaries.

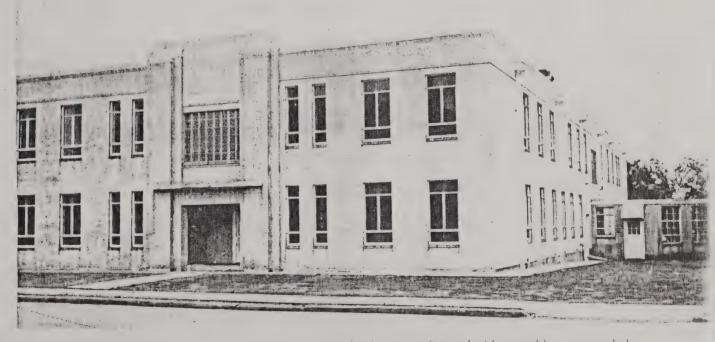
Our Training Union has compiled, planned, arranged and presented the quarterly programs to be used Southwide on two or three different occasions for the elementary, junior, intermediate and young peoples departments.

The following have served as Training Union Directors in our church:

C. E. Dinkle
C. E. Arant, Sr.
Ray Dunn
W. E. Biggs
W. O. Narramore
Mrs. A. W. Reeves
E. H. Brown
Miss Bernie Jo Reagan
Mrs. Charles Hart

Ben Hamilton

Harold Glasscock
Abe Holder
Charles Hart
W. E. Little
Pat McMeans
Earl Ruble
Ray Parmely
Edgar Spearman
Jimmie Jackson



Educational Building constructed in 1950 is completely air conditioned with assembly rooms and class rooms for 10 departments.

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## MEMBERS OF THE TRAINING UNION

GENERAL DIRECTOR: Jimmie Jackson

Department Workers:

NURSERY: Mrs. James W. Lodwick, Mrs. Claude Boose, Mrs. A. B. McGuire.

BEGINNER: Mrs. Gordon White, Mrs. C. V. Roberts, Mr. Gordon White, Mrs. Guy Pay, Mrs. Ed. Ward, Mrs. Walter Acker.

PRIMARY 6: Mrs. Sally Steed, Mrs. L. A. Schott, Mrs. Earl Ross, Mrs. B. A. Montgomery.

PRIMARY 7: Mrs. Addie Brasher, Aubrey Curtis, Mrs. Margaret Dewitt, Mrs. T. B. Aldridge, Mr. C. C. Pearce, Mrs. John Sanders.

PRIMARY 8: Mrs. W. L. McKinney, Mrs. J. W. Bolton, J. W. Bolton, Mrs. K. L. Ward.





## THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE MAY 7, 1958

JUNIOR 1: Mrs. Pat McMeans, Mrs. A. E. Hudson, Mrs. W. E. Biggs, Mrs. J. W. Dickerson, Mrs. Roy Rayburn, J. W. Dickerson, Roy Rayburn,

JUNIOR 2: Mrs. C. L. Alexander, Miss Bernie Jo Reagan, Martha Routh, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilkinson.

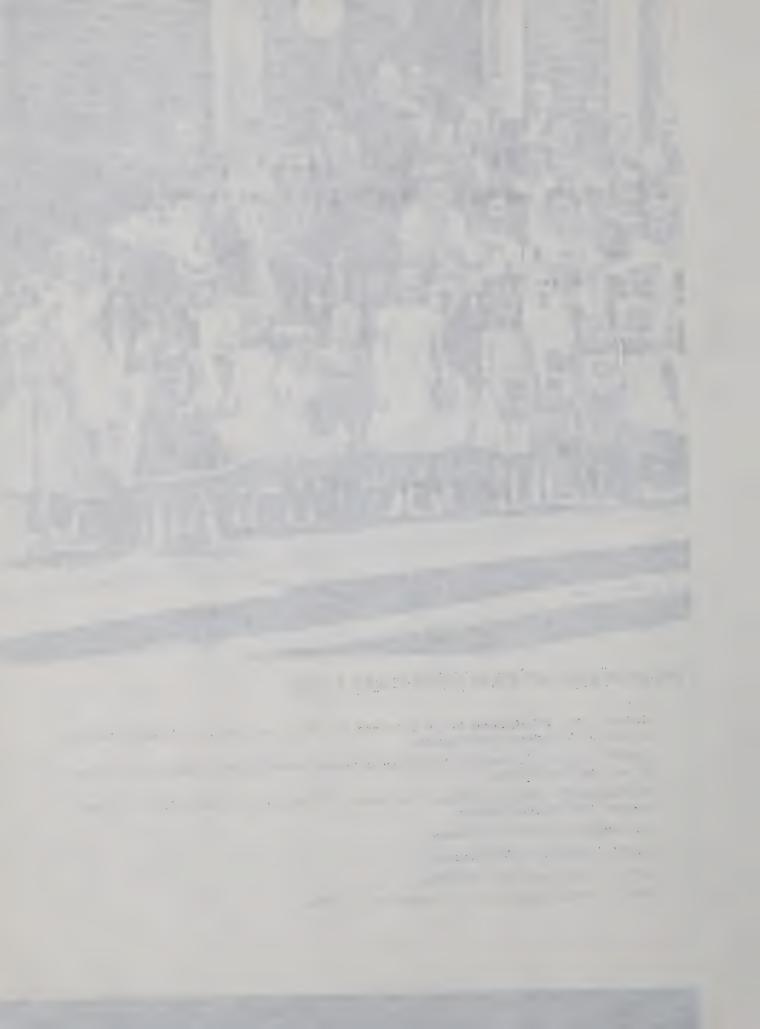
INTERMEDIATE I: Mrs. J. K. Robinson, Mrs. George W. Stephens, Mrs. Betty Burk, Mr. George Stephens, Miss Dorothy Goodson.

INTERMEDIATE 2: Mrs. Fred Chavey.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Mrs. Mary Glasscoe.

ADULT 1: Mrs. Vernon Stark, Bob Brown.

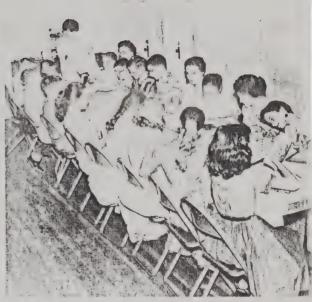
ADULT 2: Milbern Anglin, Mrs. C. R. Mayo, Mrs. K. L. Ward.





SWORD DRILL

The Intermediate Departments learn to handle the Bible in their regular Sword Drill Work.



PROGRAM PLANNING

Monthly program planning meetings for well  $\mathfrak k$  ned programs for the Training Union are held  $\mathfrak k$  each month.

Pictured below is the newly acquired YOUTH ACTIVITIES BUILDING which is being renovated. The building will have facilities for the two departments, a modern cafeteria and kitchen, and recreational center. The contractor has promised to have the building ready for use June 15, 1958 for our Centennial Celebration.





# OUR MUSIC MINISTRY A Fully Graded Choir Program



About one-fifth of the membership of our great Sunday school is all a active in the music minitry of our church.

First Baptist Church began its present graded choir program in September 1956. Since that time the music ministry has grown to a total active enrollment of 276.

The over-all task of the minister of music is that of organizing and maintaining a churchwide music program. This involves the setting up of a systematic program of music education and participation for the entire church membership which is correlated with every phase of church activity.

The plan of our music ministry is to provide training for the musically ambitious in every age group in fundamentals of music and development of the voice and provide a greater appreciation of music among our people.

The church which has a system of graded choirs is a church that is alive and vibrant with enthusiasm and heartwarming Christianity.

Herein lies a real opportunity for the church. The church is as much responsible for being a good steward as is an individual, for the church is entrusted with young people and children and is held responsible to a large degree for their development in training in religion and life.

One thing the church can do is to develop the very thing that every person can use in the worship of God—the ability to sing. It is only through singing that the average person attending church can actively participate in the service. We must recognize that the church is a steward and when she fails to develop the thing in her people which will enable them to worship God more acceptably she fails to that extent in her own stewardship.

The First Baptist Church is a well rounded training center for all who attend her services.



#### C'ALENDAR OF CHOIR ACTIVITIES

1958-1959

"Be ye steadfast... in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."—I Corinthians 15:58

JULY

Church Music Conference at Glorietta Church Music Clinic—July 28 - August 1

**AUGUST** 

Vacation Month For Church Choir No Rehearsals in August

SEPTEMBER

CHURCH MUSIC MONTH

New Choir Year Begins—Enrollment for all Choirs
Rehearsals Resumed For All Choirs

**OCTOBER** 

Thursday October 9
Church Choir Banquet Complimenting Choir Officers
October 12-19
Layman's Revival—Crusader Choir

DECEMBER

Sunday December 14

CANTATA—"Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson
The Chapel Choir
Wednesday December 17

CANTATA—"The Gift Supreme" by Dale Asher Jacobus
The Carol Choir
Sunday December 21

ORATORIO—"The Messiah" by George F. Handel
The Church Choir

JANUARY 26-30 Music Work Shop Baptist Theological Senimary, Fort Worth

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ORATORIO—"The Holy City" by A. R. Gaul
The Church Choir and Choraletter

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## STANDARD MUSIC MINISTRY 1956-1957

The Award of Excellence shown in the picture above (top center) was earned by the Music Ministry of our church for the year 1956-57. This display of our Music Ministry was an attractive feature of the Texas Church Music Leadership Conference in Fort Worth, Texas at the Southwestern Seminary, February 3-7, 1957. The board being carried to the music conference by Mr. Alexander at the request of the Texas State Music Secretary Mr. V. F. Forderhase. First Baptist Church, Greenville one of a few Southern Churches in Texas to receive the Award of Excellence in the Church Music Ministry.



To maintain a Standard Mulic Maristry requires a great deal of work by the office secretaries. A monthly paper is published for the Chapel and Church choirs. Note book material is prepared for the Carol, Cherub and Celestial choirs. The attendance record of each choir is checked for each rehearsal and service. The attendance record of each choir member is averaged quarterly and annually and filed for future reference.

Mrs. Alexander is pictured mimeographing a Church Choir paper.



#### INSTRUMENTALISTS



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Chapel Choir Choralettes Carol Choir

Church Librarian and General Sec. retary for the Training Union.

Mrs. H. D. Elkins
'Accompanist for
Celestial and
Cherub Choirs





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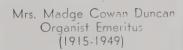
"Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His canctuary. . . praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Psalms 150



Mrs. Jack Monroe Organist

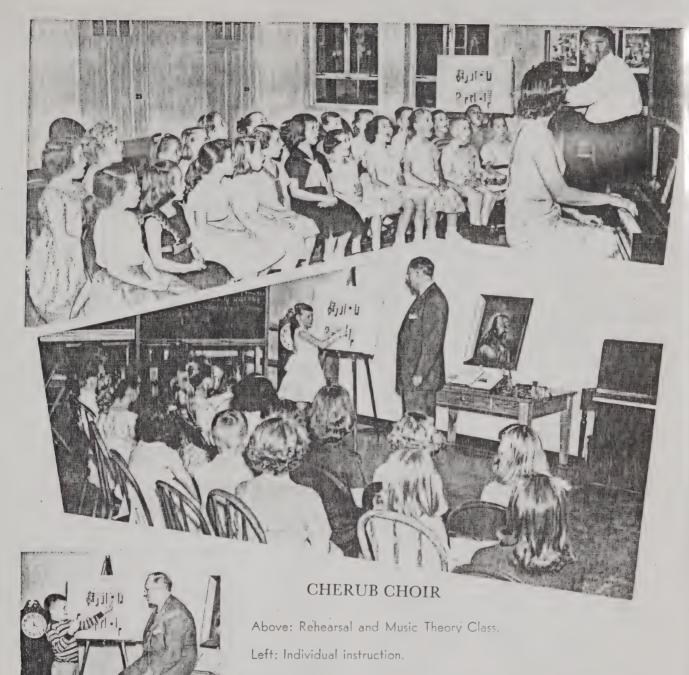


Mrs. Ernest Hodge Planist









Below: A light snack is served to this group each Sunday evening before Training Union.



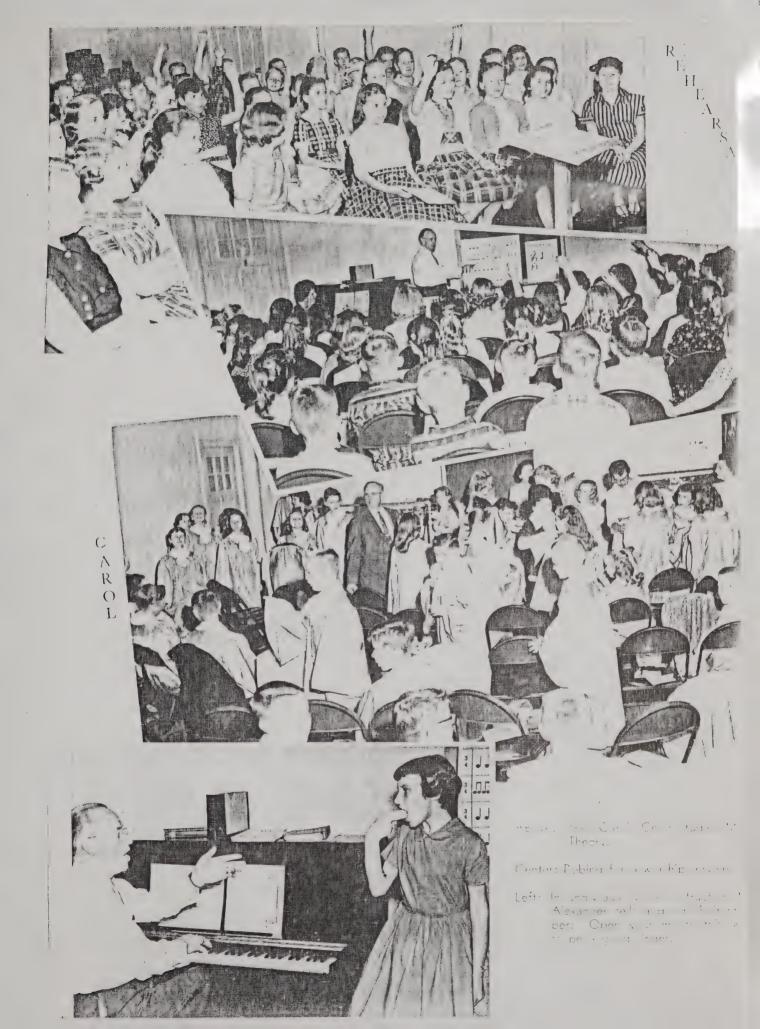




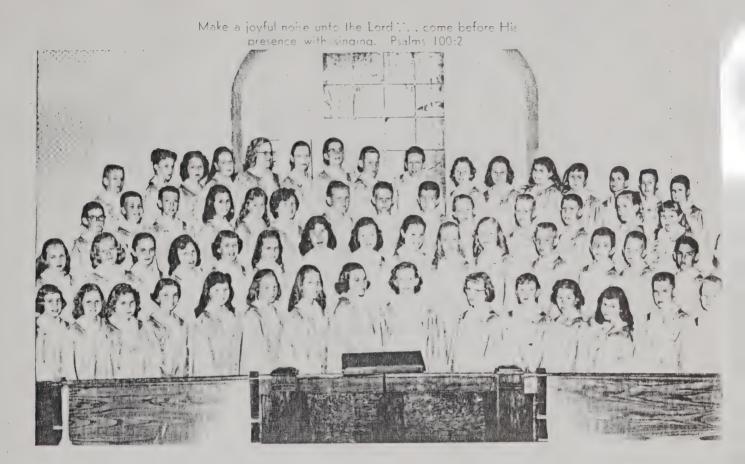
Every child is musical. Inborn within each little bundle from heaven is a natural response to rhythm and melody. Somewhere between babyhood and preadolescence many children become inhibited musically; their musical ability remains undeveloped, their natural love for music is pushed into the background. The right kind of music properly presented can become a source of strength and happiness in the life of the child.

If early musical impressions are healthy and happy ones, they can enrich the child's entire life. The taste for good music created while he is young will be a bulwark against the corrupting influence of bad music that is sure to hurl itself at him later on.









# CAROL CHOIR (Juniors Ages 9-12)

Left to right—First Row: Sharon Hackney, Donna Birkenbuel, Robbie Phillips, Jill Prather, Judy McHenry, Sherry Dooley, Sharon Blanton, Dianne Dawson, Lynna Kay Weaver, Kathy Ross, Kay Webb, Pat Dawson, Deanna Darby, Tim Brown and Gary Guttery.

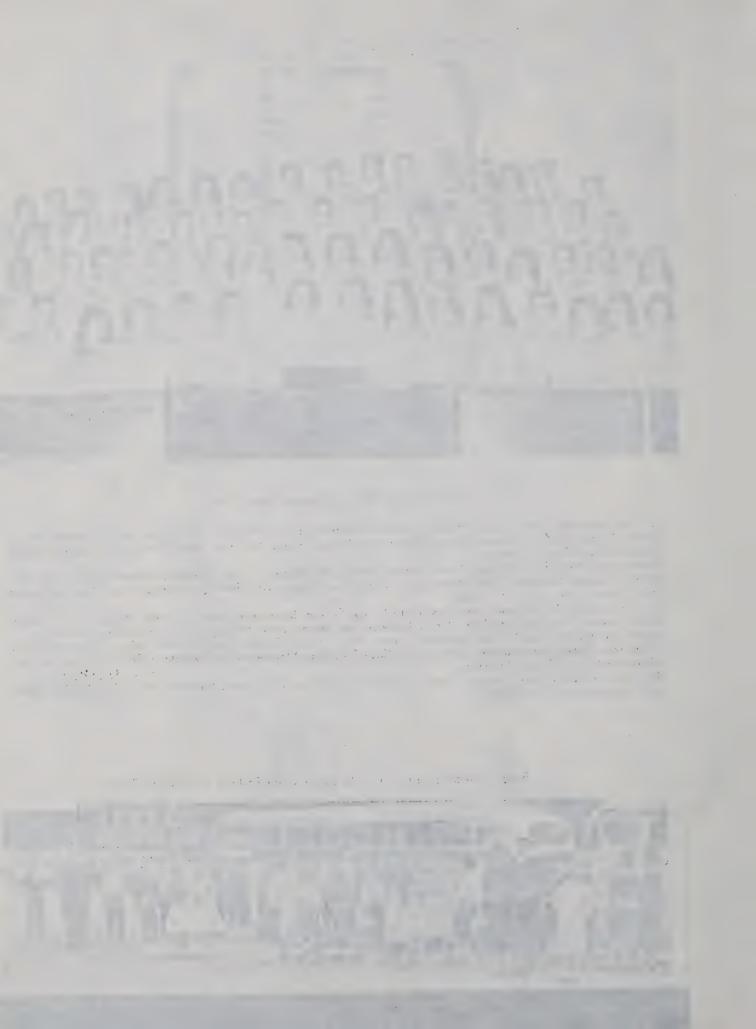
Second row: Anna Rice, Mignon Acker, Sandra White, Jean McGuire, Susan Hackney, Dionne Deaton, June McGuire, Charlotte Alexander, Judy Montgomery, Carol Ann Cooper, Vicki Smith, Larry Anglin, John Clayton, James Smith, Oliver Love, and Jon White.

Third row: Larry Battle, Phillip Stephens, Larry Laney, Sharon Birkenbuel, Nancy Luttrell, Sharon Ulmer, Dickie Ward, Tommy Follis, John Walden, Jimmy Lodwick, Joe Beggs, John Aldridge, Karen Ross, Rhonda Green. Fourth row: Mike Carpenter, Shirley Bailey, Karen Little, Barbara Bishop, Sherron Webb, Kaye Patterson, David Miller, Tony Toro, Johnny Boose, Sue Dawson, Kaye Stephens, Marsha Miller, Gwendolyn Sanders, Jimmy Miller, Bobby White, and Rickey Stephens.

Not shown in the picture: Cheryl Chavey, Lana DeWitt, Wayne Henderson, Kathleen McCord, David Norfleet, Judy Simmons and Terri Webb.

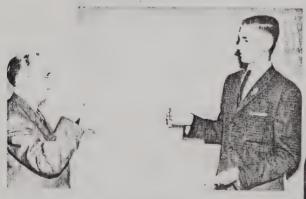
Below: Boarding buses for State Junior Chair Festival, Fort Worth, Texas.







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Above: Youth week Miniter of Main Lim. Miller received persons in truction.



Below: Michael Stark and Wilson White Chapel



'They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord . . . . " Isaiah 24:14



# CHAPEL CHOIR (Young People)

Lett to right—First Row: Dianne Cole, Betty Morris, Suzanne Aldridge, Angelia Phillips, Dianne Bailey, Mary Lou Attison, Judy Stark, Judy Ray, Julia Morris, Janet Steger, Billie Southard, Saundra Dickerson, Patty Finney, Kelsay, Burcham, and Sue Ann Little.

Second row: Marion Love Jackson, pianist for youth week. Delores Whitney, Becky Stephens, Brenda Banks, Ruth Steger, Linda Daniel, Glynda Sue Caraway, Douglas Glasscoe, Danny Langford, Lanny Langford, Sharon Banks, Marliyn Blanton, Nancy White, Donna Chavey, Wendolyn Love, and Wanda Rice, regular Chapel Choir pianist and organist for youth week.

Third row: Cathy Smith, Susan Young, Ruth Sanders, Jane Tolbert, Bob Ward, Charles Burnside, Robert Bennett, Larry Miller, Richard Price, Denny Darby, Jimmy Morris, Larry Mayo, Benda Hodgson, Linda Johnson, and Sue Tolbert.

Fourth row: Margery Shumate. Diana Rie Tarpley, Sarah Rayburn, Saundra Miller, Jeanne Nichols, Joanne Nichols, Sue Nell Clayton, and Linda Yandell.

Not shown in the picture: Sharon Collins, Linda Glasscock, Mary Mac Parker, and Gloriann White..

#### CHORALETTES

Leff to right—
First row: Ruth Stager, Glynda Sue
Caraway, Julia Morris and Dianno
Bailey.
Second row: Mary Mac Parker, Diane
Rie Tarpley, Linda Yandell, and Sharon Collins.



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# AGREEMENT OF THE CHOIR MEMBERS

- 1. That music is an essential to worship, not a decoration or a luxury.
- 2. That the works of great composers are none too good to use in the worship of God. The best anthems that can be found should be used in preference to a lesser grade.
- 3. Those who are to sing and interpret this music should do so honestly and sincerely. We, therefore, covenant together to keep our spiritual lives strong and effective that we may be able to be used of God through our music to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to magnify the message of salvation and serve as a true companion to the ministry of the Word.
- 4. To do this we earnestly agree to practice prayer and forgiveness, and to keep our hearts free from ill will toward all people, particularly toward other choir members.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Any person desiring membership in a choir will make application to the minister of music personally.

The practical requirements necessary for membership

- (1) The standard determined by the minister of music which includes:
  - 1. Ability to sing on pitch.
  - 2. Ability to sing without too wide a vibrato wave.
  - 3. Ability to blend with other voices.
- (2) All singers will at all times trust the director implicitly with the use of their voices.

  There will be a minimum enrollment equal to the number of robes. Applicants over and above this number will be placed on the lalternate list.
- (3) The accompanists and members of the church chair shall be elected by the church.

#### CHOIR MOTTO

Work as if everything depended on YOU. Pray as if everything depended on GOD.

#### WATCHWORD

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto the Lord." Colossians 3:16.

# OBJECT

To glorify the Lord in vocal and instrumental music: to reach the lost and unenlisted with a message that will bring them to the Saviour with the dedication of life and talents; to contribute to the worship service of the church inspiring and uplifting music that will enhance the ministry of the preached word.

#### SCRIPTURE

"Sing forth the honor of his name: Make his praise glorious." Psalms 66:2

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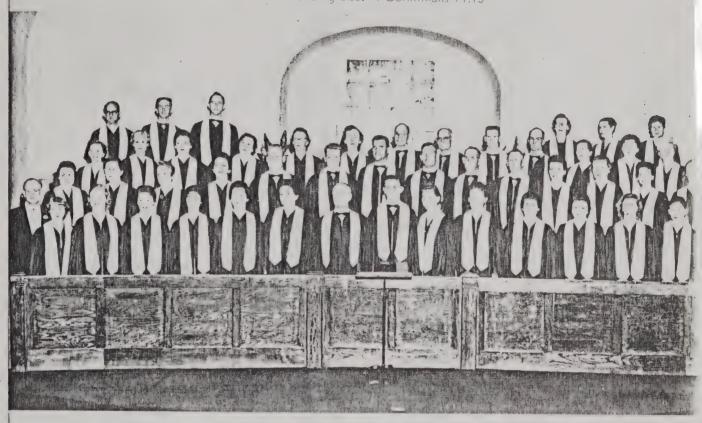
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"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." I Corinthians 14:15

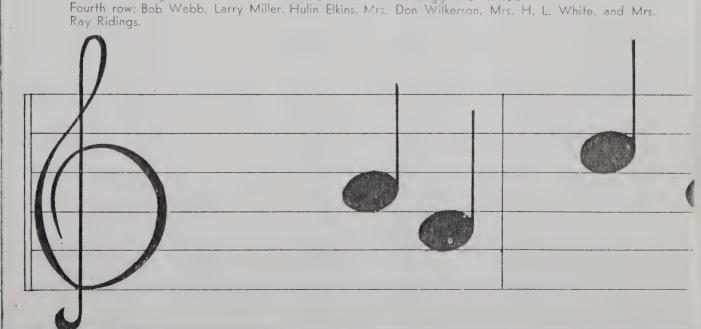


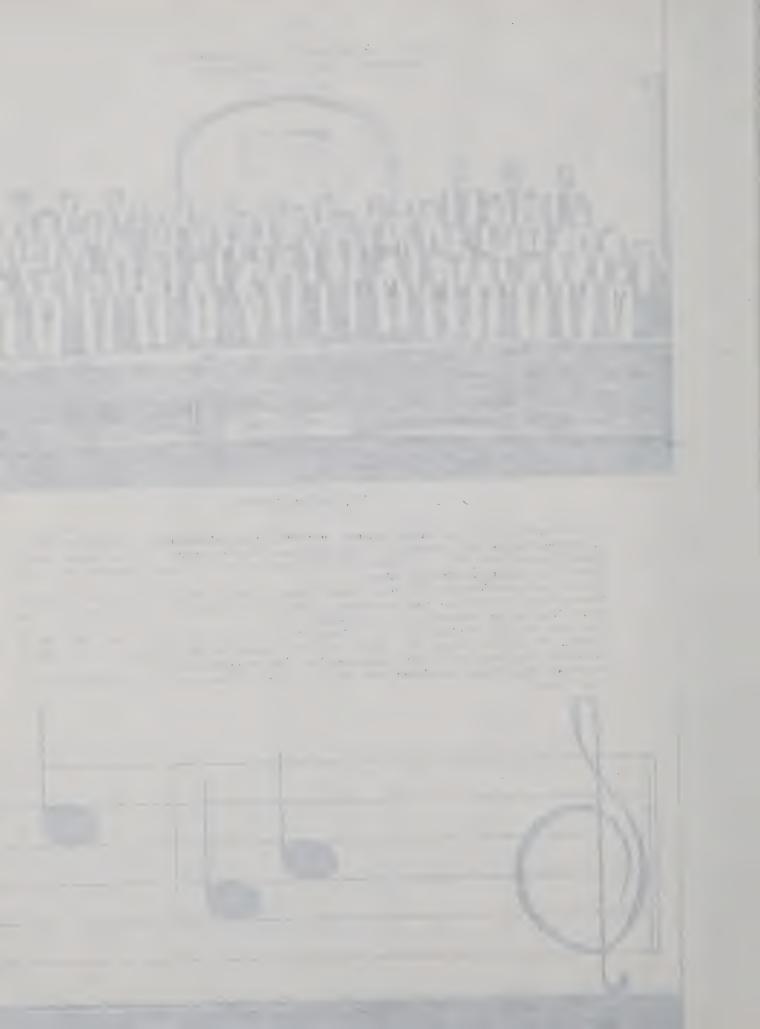
# CHURCH CHOIR

Left to right-First row: C. Lamar Alexander, minister of music, Dianne Bailey, Jane Tolbert, Mrs. L. C. Rhames, Glynda Sue Carraway, Mrs. Lee Pennington, Mrs. Vernon Stark, Jimmie Jackson, Jimmie Morris, Sharon Collins, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. R. L. Barton, Mrs. C. Lamar Alexander, Mary Mac Parker, Sue Tolbert and Mrs. Sally Steed.

Second row: Evelyn Ward, Mrs. Carlton Sheram, Bernie Jo Reagan, Mrs. A. D. Koger, R. L. Bartor Richard Price, Ernest Hodge, Lee Pennington, Paul Mathews, C. R. Mayo, Mrs. W. A. Berry, Mrs. Ples

Brown, Mrs. George Shepherd, and Linda Yandell.
Third row: Mrs. Pat McMeans, Mrs. C. R. Mayo, Martha Routh, Mrs. Oscar Long, Mrs. W. D. Cooper, Winnie Davis Temple, W. E. Biggs, W. O. Narramore, George Shepherd, A. A. Langford, Mrs Mack Livingston, Mrs. Howard Sanders, and Mrs. Oma Boggs McWhirter.





# MUSIC MINISTRY IN PAST YEARS

By Mrs. A. A. Duncan

For many years the First Baptist Church has enjoyed a well trained, well led, and well organized church choir, capable of presenting acceptably the Gospel in music.

In 1905, a pipe organ was purchased and installed.

Sunday night musical programs were presented often—always to a packed house. Interest in these programs continued, and the choir gave musicals in neighboring towns.

A Sunday school orchestra was an addition to the worship with music, affording interest and development among the young people.

Mr. C. E. Dinkle, possessing a beautiful baritone voice, began singing in the choir as a young man. In 1914, he was elected director, and he served faithfully for more than twelve years. Later, at intervals, he gave his services as leader when he was needed.

In 1938, the pipe organ was discarded and the present Hammond electric organ was installed.

### Ministers of Music and Choir Directors:

W. H. Justis

· Joe Blankenship

C. E. Dinkle

Edgar Spearman

Ben Hamilton

Raymond Robinson

James Frost (Minister of Music & Education)

Farrell Welch

Dwight Phillips (Minister Music & Education)

Manley Finch (Minister of Music & Education)

Earl Ruble (Minister of Music & Education)

Ed Stone (Minister of Music)

J. Gordon Peterson

C. Lamar Alexander (Minister of Music)

#### Organists:

Miss Hulit Jones (1906-08)

Miss Corinne Gee

Mrs. Hallie Kirtley Saunders (1914-15)

Mrs. Madge Cowan Duncan (1915-49)

Mrs. Mary Fannie Monroe (1949-50; 1954-55)

Mrs. Wendell Cherry (1950-51)

Mrs. Donna Sanders Roland (1952-53)

Mrs. Frances Crawford

Mrs. Eugenia Gibbs Hodge

Mrs. Phyllis Martin Curtis (1956-57)

Mrs. Mary Fannie Monroe (1957- )

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# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREENVILLE, TEXAS

By Mrs. T. B. Breedlove

Records of the early days of the work of the women of our pioneer churches were not kept and probably no records were made. The women supplied the needs of the moment. They nursed the sick, aided their members in times of disaster or sorrow, cared for strangers and fed the hungry. When the church needed money, they had suppers and ice-cream suppers, gave of their "egg-money" and helped out in every way.

The name most commonly used for the church group of women engaged in these joint activities was "The Ladies Aid Society". The earliest record we find of a group in our church was in 1891 when they contributed \$353.50 to the general church treasury, a large contribution at that time.

Mrs. Al S. Harrison, who is still a member of this church, was the president for 18 years from about 1890 until 1907. She names many others as her valued co-laborers. In 1904 a group of Baptist women from all over the county met in Commerce and organized the Hunt County Association work and decided that the name Ladies Aid Society be changed to Woman's Missionary Society or WMS. Later this was changed to Woman's Missionary Union to include all Auxiliary groups according to Southwide plans.

Following Mrs. Al S. Harrison as president of First Church WMS from 1907 until 1918, were Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Mrs. O. T. Graham, Mrs. J. W Manning, Mrs. W. H. James and Mrs. W. M. McBride.

The work began to be carried on according to Southwide standards and by 1925 many certificates and seals for mission study work were earned. In 1925 there were 9 certificates, 99 WMS seals and 23 Young Women's Auxiliary seals given. The YWA work had been attempted several times, but in 1920 Mrs. Charles Taylor of Burleson College started it anew and it was continued by Mrs. Theron J. Fouts also of Burleson College. In 1922 Mrs. R. L. Overstreet took over the auxiliary and through her spiritual influence and missionary zeal, led many girls to serve the Lord through this channel. She was YWA Counselor for many years and some of our best workers in our church today were in the YWA under her leadership.

In 1929 the WMU was included in the church budget for the first time and the old idea of the "Ladies Aid" as a money making organization was on its way into history. It truly was becoming a Missionary organization for study, prayer and giving to missions.

The following list of presidents tells its own story of the work as it has progressed from 1918 until the present time of 1958:

1918-22	Mrs. E. W. Harrison
1922-24	Mrs. M. D. Steed
1924-25	Mrs. B. F. Boydston
1925-28	Mrs. W. L. Wilbanks .
1928-30	Mrs. J. A. Norton
1930-32	Mrs. E. F. Smith
	Mrs. A. L. Freeman
1932-34	Mrs. Ray Stevens
1934-36	Mrs. A. W. Reeves
1936-37	Mrs. L. H. Daniel
1937-38	Mrs. J. A. Norton
1938-39	Mrs. M. L. Wilbanks

1939-40	Mrs. J. W. Rowell
1940-42	Mrs. Paul Mathews
1942-44	Mrs. J. C. Priester
1944-46	Mrs. Paul Mathews
1946-48	Mrs. Curtis Gibbs
1948-50	Mrs. C. R. Mayo
1950-52	Mrs. H. F. Curtis
1952-53	Mrs. Jack Johnson
1953-55	Mrs. Paul Mathews
1955-56	Mrs. H. L. Reynolds
1956-57	Mrs. A. A. Stephens
1957-58	Mrs. Paul Robbins

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The mere listing of names does not begin to tell of the work done by these women and their many co-workers both in WMU and its many auxiliaries. However, no account of the work would be complete if we did not mention the important work of our own women who helped to start the work of District 13 WMU and to put it on a good foundation, giving about 10 years of their time as District Presidents. These are Mrs. George Collins who served for 4 years, then Mrs. W. M. McBride served for 2 years and again Mrs. George Collins with Mrs. R. L. Overstreet as Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer for 4 years more. First Church has not supplied any more District Presidents, but there have been many others who have held other important offices and who have aided in District 13 work.

The women of First Church have been leaders in the Association WMU work, too. At least seven, perhaps more, women have served as president of the Association WMU. Those whom we have a record of are:

Mrs. J. W. Manning—First President

Mrs. W. M. McBride

Mrs. M. D. Steed

Mrs. R. L. Overstreet—served 6 years.

Mrs. T. B. Breedlove—served during Diamond Jubilee Year.

Mrs. J. Phil Mockford—now serving her third year

Mrs. Mockford also served as Young People's Director from 1948 to 1955 and Young People's Director in the First Church from 1946 to 1955. Under her leadership in 1947 all the Auxiliaries were oganized and have continued their work.

In 1957 First Church, along with all Southwide Women's Missionary Unions, adopted a new plan of work known as "Aims For Advancement" instead of the Standard of Excellence. A new reporting sytem was also installed.

As we are well into the year of 1958 we are grateful for every woman of First Church who has been interested in the Missionary fundamentals: Mission Study, Bible Study, Prayer, Community Missions, State-Home-Foreign Missions, and Stewardship. Truly First Church has had an important part in "World Missions."



Local WMU President: Mrs. Paul Robbins (third from right on first row). Associational WMU President: Mrs. J. Phil Mockford (second from right on first row).

AUXILIARIES OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—Top: Young Women's Auxiliary (YWA) Center: Junior and Intermediate Girl's Auxiliaries (GA) Bottom: Sunbeams.

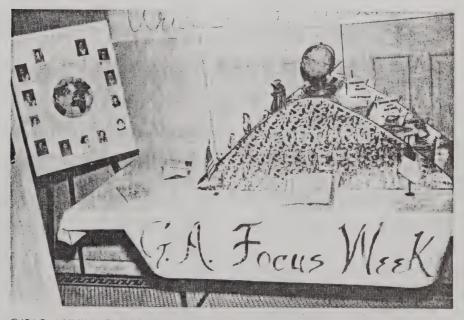






# CORONATION SERVICE OF THE GIRLS AUXILIARY

Mrs. Vernon Stark crowns Sandra White (Kneeling) Queen
Left to right: Queen with Scepter—Sue Nell Clayton; Queen Regent—Nancy White: Princesses—
Wendolyn Love, Marsha Miller, Judy Montgomery, Suzanne Aldridge, June McGuire, Jean McGuire
and Judy Ray; Queen—Judy Stark; Ladies-in-waiting—Susan Hackney and Charlotte Alexander;
Maidens—Sharon Hackney, Sherry Dooley and Sue Ann Little. Crown bearer—Pat White.



GIRLS AUXILIARY FOCUS WEEK is a high-light each year when the girls who have passed their "Forward-steps" to a reviewing council are presented in a beautiful ceremony.





Girls Auxiliary leaders are: Mrs. B. A. Montgomery Mrs. Vernon Stark Mrs. J. Kenneth Robinson Mrs. R. E. Gooch





# BROTHERHOOD

The Layman's movement got under way in our church about 1915 and from that the church grew into the Brotherhood organization. Those having served as president are: V. A. Townes, C. E. Arant, Sr., Roy Edwards, Bob Crawford, Wilbur Echols, F. E. Shirey, Jack Finney, Dr. Phil Mockford and Dowell Mathews. There may have been others.

The Brotherhood has helped in the church program in many ways doing personal work, helping those in distress, and especially in revivals, helping to make all plans for reaching and enlisting men for a better and more useful life.



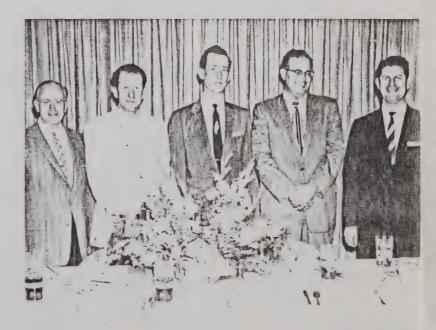
The Brotherhood holds regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

## **BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS**

Left to right:

C. Lamar Alexander, minister of music; Vernon Stark, activities vice president; Dowell Mathews, president; Bob Brown, secretary; J. Kenneth Robinson, minister of education.

Not shown in picture: Bill Cunningham, program vice president and H. L. Skinner, membership vice president.





# REX RAY AND EDWIN LOWE CHAPTERS OF ROYAL AMBASSADORS

... We Are Ambassadors for Christ. ... (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Pictured above are members of the Royal Ambassadors—the Southern Baptist missionary crassization for junior boys, which is sponsored by the Brotherhood organization of our church. Members of the RA Committee are: Steve Wheeless, chairman; Ray F. Ridings, R. E. Gooch, Vernon E. Stark, Near T. Jones, pastor; Dowell Mathews, Brotherhood president; and Charles Burnside, counselor.

Since its inception several years ago, the Order has sought to deepen the spiritual lives of its members through Bible Study, mission study, prayer, stewardship, and service through knightly deeds

Pictured with the boys is Charles Burnside, counselor since July 1957, who has done a splendid job directing the work of our two Royal Ambassador chapters. The chapters bear the names of missionaries Rex Ray and Edwin Lowe.

Each Wednesday evening these chapters meet in their respective rooms for a period of fellowship and a program with a missionary emphasis.

Highlight for this year's activities will be the Southern Baptist Convention-Wide Royal Ambador Congress, to be held in Fort Worth. August 12-14, 1958. Some twenty-five members of our RA groups plan to attend this congress, at which they will serve on the Congress Reportion Committee.

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# MISSION SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT THIRTEEN BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS

Born in Pickton, Texas, Hopkins County February 14 1922. Graduate of Pickton High School, Decatur Baptist College, Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Married to Miss Winnie D. Marshall, the daughter of Rev. E. W. Marshall former District 13 Missionary. She is a graduate of Howard Payne College. He served as pastor of Pickton, Black Oak, and Hatcher St. in Dallas; appointed as foreign missionaries to Chile, South America April 1946 and served as evangelistic missionaries until 1954 when they had to return home due to ill health in the family. From March

1950 until September 1957 served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Winnsboro, Texas. Since then he has served in the present position as Missions Secretary of District 13 with headquarters in Greenville. This district is composed of 10 counties and 511 churches. He and his family are members of our church.

# ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY FOR HUNT COUNTY BAPTIST

Coral V. Roberts has been missionary of Hunt County Baptist Association since April 1, 1946. His work now is largely promotional in nature, but still includes the teaching of Study Courses, conducting Church Community Surveys, working closely with pastorless churches, and evangelism.

Born in Erath County near Stephenville, Texas, Brother Roberts came to the New Concord Community in 1918 with his father's family. He began preaching thirty-seven years ago and was licensed and ordained by the New Concord Baptist Church. His ministry has been given to this and adjoining associations with the exception of three and half years with the Bono Church near Cleburne while in the Seminary and nearly



Coral V. Roberts

six years in Missouri. He left the pastorate at Thayer Missouri to take up the work as Associational Missionary of this, his home association.

He and Mrs. Roberts were members of our church before returning to the Seminay in 1938, and became members with us again, upon returning to Greenville.

Former members of our church who have served as foreign missionaries: Miss Adele Lain, Miss Virginia Hagood and Miss Mary Lou Dunn.

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# A SPIRITUAL CONQUEST OUR CHURCH HISTORY

By C. E. Arant, Sr.

J. R. Briscoe was born in Tennessee April 19, 1815. He moved to Missouri about 1838, married Rebecca Wray in 1840 and began to preach about that time. He continued his labors for the Lord the remainder of his life.

In December of 1845, he, with his wife, three children, his father, mother, six brothers and two sisters came to Texas and camped at Honey Grove. He settled there and built a home.

About 1850 he moved from Honey Grove to where Rehobeth church now stands in Fannin County. His wife was buried there in 1852.

He was the hardest working man I over knew. With his son, he would work all day and after supper would saddle his horse and ride all night to be at a place on Sunday to fill an appointment. His people were poor but very independent. When he went to the army in 1861 he was worth over ten thousand dollars.

Parson Briscoe, as he was familiarly known to the pioneers, was among the first to preach in Hunt County. Many churches were instituted and among the first was the missionary church of this city. First Baptist Church, Greenville, Texas was organized in 1858 with the following members: L. W. Moore and wife



Martha Matilda Moore "Miss Tillie" Charter Member

Rebecca Moore, Martha Matilda Moore, Susan Moore, Judge Andrew McDonald, Mary Mc-Donald, Ellen D. Langford, Mary Reneau, Margaret Moody, Nancy Hines, John



John R. Briscoe First Pastor

Miller, Sarah Miller, Louise Moses, J. C. Moses, Julia Cole, W. A. Mattox and Mrs. W. A. Mattox, W. M. Pickett and John R. Briscoe. Thus the First Baptist Church was constituted. Miss Tillie Moore lived and was active until 1927.

Mr. Briscoe was a true Christian and labored faithfully in the vineyard of the Lord. His name shall not be forgotten by the people for whom he struggled and braved the privations of the early days.

The church met for some time in the Methodist building which was located on the present site of Perkins Store.

In the year 1860, the Masons erected a two story building on Stonewall street and our church used the lower floor for a place to worship. The Masons building was where the Masonic Temple stands today.

The Rev. Wm. M. Pickett, father of Mrs. Ella Pratt, preached for several months. The first person baptized was a negro woman, a slave who belonged to Mrs. Eggbert Stevens. The first white person to be baptized was Mr. Tom Rattan.

The next pastor was Rev. W. R. Knight who was followed by Rev. M. C. St. Clair.

The war was coming on and because many of the members lived in the country,

the church met at Center Point once a month. During these stirring times not much was done in the way of church work, only a few names added to the rol.



Susan Moore Mrs. J. C. Harrison Charter Member

This was a missionary field without a missionary.

After the war closed, Rev. Tatum, one of the pioneer heroes of our church, came and the sacrifices that this good man made and others who struggled along in the early days ought to be lessons for the younger ones who have followed and are now reaping the rewards of their hard years of service. He preached for three years riding in twice a month preaching Saturdays and Sundays. He made no charge for his services. He received thirty dollars and material for a suit of clothes which was made by one of the good women of the church. Rev. J. C. Sligh followed next as the pastor.

In 1871 the church decided it was strong enough to enable them to build a building. A lot was clonated by Wm. Arnold on the corner of St. John and Crockett. A small frame building was erected. The church war dedicated by Dr. R. C. Bucker. It was at this time that Dr. S. J. Anderson became pastor coming from Sulphur Springs twice a month and preaching. Following Dr. Anderson as pastor were Rev. L. J. Crutcher and Rev. Scrudgs, Brother J. H. Boyett and J. A. Mansfield. Rev. J. B. Daniels was pastor for several years. During his pastorate one of his meetings, about 1879 during the two weeks there were 40 additions, 30 for baptism, and the church debt of \$125.00 was paid off.

Disaster came when this building was destrayed by fire about the first of January in 1886. This made it necessary for the church to meet in the court house until another building could be erected. In 1887 the lot, which is the southwest corner of the lot where the present church stands, was bought from a Mrs. Simpson, T. J. Gee, J. C. Harrison, J. Wade, P. H. Spencer and W. M. Arnold were appointed as a building committee. A frame Building, 40' x 80', was crested that fall. In the early part of 1902 the pastor, Rev. R. F. Jenkins, recommended a new building. The church accepted the recommendation and appointed E. W. Harrison, W. C. Poole, G. H. Collins, F. W. Woods, R. A. King and P. A. Bouknight as a building committee. About Christmas of 1905 the new building, which is the auditorium of the present plant, was completed. W. H. James, R. F. Jones, R. A. King and J. C. Harrison were selected attrustees.

In July 1915 the church purchased the northwest corner of the lot, located at Wesley and Pickett Streets, from the Presbyterians at a cost of \$6,000,00. Additional Sunday school room was needed and late in 1917 Douglass King, Mrs. J. W. Rowell and Mrs. A. M. Garty were appointed on a finance committee and J. L. Collins, W. H. James and L. A. Clark were appointed on a property committee and the first addition to the present building was completed. This is where the office, library, the paster's study and the rooms above are now.

Later a great wooden tabernacle was built adjoining the church and this was used for revivals and Sunday school rooms. In 1934 the tabernacle was torn down and a beautiful two story addition was completed under the direction of the following committee: J. A. Norton, O. A. Evans, C. E. Arant, R. E. Tarpley, Rev. A. W. Reaves, Mrs. W. L. Wilbanks and Mrs. L. H. Daniel

During the pastorate of Dr. C. B. Jackson the church made some major improvements. The auditorium was changed, the choir left placed to the east, several rooms built in the basement, the nursery enlarged and the offices made larger. The annex on the north was, opened and connected with the main church building. This was done in 1937 and 1938 at which time Mr. C. E. Arant was chairman of the deacons and expenditures of more than \$30,000.00 were made.

On May 14, 1947, under the direction of O. R. Edwards, chairman. Jesse Reece and Raymond Stovens, a parsonage was purchased for \$12,500,00 on South Stonewall Street. The first occupant of the parsonage was Dr. L. D. Ball and family followed by Dr. Richard Poss and at the present Rev. Neal T. Jones and family.

September 14, 1950 F. E. Shirey, chairman of the deacons and Clarence Pearce, sec-

# PIONEER PASTORS

retary, negotiated for the east half of the block of our present property for \$20,000.00. In 1951 the contract was let for the erection of the two story educational building. The building, furniture, air conditioning and heating was in excess of \$140,000.00.

Jack Finney, Edwin Ward and Raymond Stephens were authorized by the church on June 29, 1954 to purchase the Faulkner lot, corner of Crockett and St. John; the price was \$13,500.00.

On May 7, 1956 the church authorized Jess A. Norton, C. E. Arant, and E. L. Ward as Trustees to purchase the Mary E. Day southwest corner of Wesley and Crockett 54' x 108' for \$9,500.00. Then on Stepember 14, 1956 the church purchased the C. B. Lefan property which joined the Mary E. Day property on the south 55' x 108' for \$12,000.00.



S. J. Anderson 1876-1877



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J. A. Mansfield 1878-1879

Jack Finney, Edwin Ward and Raymond Stephens negotiated the deal for the deed for the church.

## PASTORS 1858-1958

J. B. Briscoe  W. M. T. Tardy  W. M. Pickett  R. F. Jenkins  W. B. Knight  E. L. Compere  M. C. St. Clair  A. A. Duncan	
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L. J. Crutcher	
J. H. Boyett J. F. Murrell	
J. A. Mansfield A. W. Reaves	
J. B. Daniel	
A. H. Norris	
H. B. Pender	
F. W. Carvey	
A. H. Mitchell	
S. F. Anderson	



M. C. St. Clair



J. B. Daniel 1879-1880



Dr. H. B. Pender 1884-1889

#### BURLESON COLLEGE

Standing like a beacon light on a high hill in the western part of Greenville, Texas, its tall administration building visible for many miles, Burleson College served Texas faithfully for more than a generation.

Beset by financial worries from its beginning and marked in its pioneer days with sacrifices by the faculty, worthy of the mission field, dependent for years solely upon its income from tuition and a few meager gifts, it fought on in the face of all obstacles for

35 years, before finally surrendering, during the great depression, to the competition of the tax supported schools, as have most of the denominational colleges.

But in spite of its staggering hardships, Burleson College, during its lifetime, fulfilled the aim that should be the goal of all schools. A dis-

tinguished Burleson graduate of 1906, Dr. J. E. McElhanon, recently wrote in retrospect of the early days at Burleson—"As imperfect and filled with gaps as it all was, when compared to a modern college, I believe Old Burleson came nearer shaping a good character in the student than do our fine colleges of today."

Starting in 1895, with little more than a courageous idea in the mind of the Rev. S. F. Anderson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, Burleson grew slowly until, at its peak in the twenties, it had student body of 632 and was one of the largest junior colleges in the country. Its graduates are scattered over the entire United States and many have distinguished themselves as school men, as ministers, and in the professions and the field of business. During its 35

years of existence, Burleson College had 14 presidents, 447 faculty members, 8,398 students and 1,168 graduates.

Burleson was called the child of the First Baptist Church. Dr. S. J. Anderson, pastor of the church, in a meeting of Hunt Association at Celeste in September of 1894 proposed



the building of the school. It took shape and the school was opened in September of 1895. Through the years our church took a large part in financing the school. We furnished three presidents and a number of the faculty members. It served this section well. Many a young man and women found their place in life and became more useful citizens because of having gone to Burleson

## HISTORY OF THE NORTH SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

# RESULTS OF OUR MISSION WORK IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

By E. E. Wheeless, Pastor



On December 19, 1954, the North Side Baptist Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado was organized. The meeting place was in the nome of the founder, Pastor B. E. Smith. The church was organized as an Independent Baptist Church. Seven members organized the new church: Pastor and Mrs. B. E. Smith and son, Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Haygood and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cowan.

It was the apparent intention of the founder to locate the church in the north section of the city, for the church was named North Side Baptist Church. About this same time the present property was acquired by the pastor with the help of a good Baptist friend, George Dimock of Wichita Falls, Texas. A small house located just south of the present building was used for services as early as January 1955.

On June 5, 1955 the church voted unanimously to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention. Pastors of Southern Baptist Churches in the city wholeheartedly encouraged North Side Baptist in this new affiliation.

August 7, 1955 ground-breaking services for the new church building were held. On September 7, 1955 the church in business conference asked for a loan from the Baptist Loan Corporation of Dallas, Texas. With the aid of other Southern Baptist pastors in Colorado Springs, Pastor Smith secured the backing and underwriting of the Central Baptist Church, Pampa, Texas in the achievement of the loan. The total loan amounted to \$35,000.00.

On October 19, 1955 North Side Baptist Church along with other churches of the state, voted to leave the parent-Arizona Baptist General Convention and enter the newly-organized Colorado Baptist General Convention.

Christmas of 1955 saw the church using its new building for its first service.

February 26, 1956 found Parton B. E. Smith resigning his pastorate at North Side to return to Texas. A. C. Salver served as pastor from March 4; 1956 until November 30, 1956.

December 16, 1956 North Side Baptist Church unanimously called E. E. Wheeless, Jr. as pastor effective January 6, 1957. Mr. Wheeless accepted the call and incorporated the Austin Bluffs Mission of which he was pastor with the North Side Church. As mission pastor of the First Church of Greenville. Bro. Wheeless led those that had been enlisted in the mission into the new church.

It has often been said in the pioneer mission territory of the west that a greater work has been done when a church is miraculously saved from death than when a new infant is born in travail. The First Baptist Church

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of Greenville, Texas through its mission pastor and its financial support has literally saved a church. The Loan Company was about to foreclose. The neighborhood thought the church was doomed. The few remaining people of the church felt failure around the corner. No Mother-church had taken an interest in them to see that they developed into a healthy child. Thus, the history of North Side Baptist Church reads like a miracle story. Because of the mission-mindedness of the First Baptist, Church, Greenville, Texas, Colorado Springs has a strong, growing, vigorous and gospel preaching church.

Thousands of dollars in 'debts-in-arrears have been paid. A new attitude is expressed in the city and community. The church has more than doubled in the last sixteen months. Pastor Neal T. Jones and laymen Milbern Anglin, W. O. Narramore and Steve Wheeless

came to the Mission Church and led in revival services April 7-14, 1957. June 10-21, 1957 saw a record enrollment in Vacation Bible School. September 30, 1957 saw a building loan of \$1,714.28 at 6½ percent interest completely paid. This loan was with the Baptist Foundation of the Colorado Baptist General Convention. North Side is especially indebted to Dr. and Mrs. William Fleming for a sizeable gift on this and other loans.

Your mission church in the west has an optimistic view of the future. That prevails primarily because you have held the life-line while we have been in threatening waters. Our church and our future is indebted to you. It is our hope that we will be enabled to celebrate our 100th anniversary with one or more mission churches of our own. "The future is as bright as the promises of God."



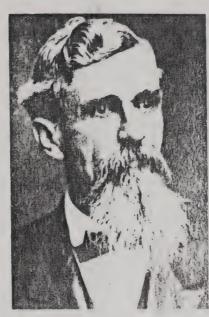
North Side Baptist Church Colorado Springs, Colorado



FORMER PASTORS: This church has been blessed with wonderful pastors. It has been possible to obtain only seventeen pictures of former pastors. Eleven are pictured here, the others appear with the Church History.



A. H. Mitchell 1891



R. F. Jenkins 1900-1907



E. L. Compere 1907-1910



A. A. Duncan 1910 1919-1926



Raleigh Wright 1917-1919



W. R. White 1927-1928





J. F. Murrell 1928-1930



A. W. Reaves 1930-1934



C. B. Jackson 1935-1946



L. D. Ball 1947-1951



Richard H. Poss 1951-1954



# SKETCHES AND GREETINGS FROM SOME FORMER PASTORS

Dr. L. D. Ball came to us in July 1947 and resigned in 1951. During his pastorate we acquired the last half of the block of the church property. The Educational building was built and furnished. Many young men surrendered to preach and do religious work during his ministry. In a recent letter to our pastor Dr. Ball sent this message to members and friends here:

"It is with a great deal of pleasure that we join with the many friends of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, in congratulations on this, YOUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

Everyone who has been privileged to be a member of this fine church will surely rejoice in the continued blessings of the Lord upon His people and their labor of love.

Every sweet and blessed experience which was ours during our fellowship and service with you continues to warm our hearts and add to our garden of precious memories.

Our prayer for you on this special occasion and for all the days ahead in the rapidly unfolding future, is that you may have the leadership and blessings of the Holy Spirit as you worship, work and win for the glory of the Saviour."

- E. L. Compere was the pastor of the church on its 50th anniversary. There were approximately 600, members at that time. He was a consecrated man and a good pastor.
- Dr. A. A. Duncan was reared and educated in Georgia coming to Texas when a young man. He taught school for two years then began the work to which God had called him—preaching the gospel. His outstanding pastorates were at Greenville, Texas and McAlester, Oklahoma. He came to Greenville in 1910 serving Greenville First Church for sixteen years. He also served as Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas after which he began his pastorate in McAlester. He served there until his retirement in 1941 when he returned to Greenville to make his home. He was made Pastor Emeritus of Greenville First Church October 6, 1948. Dr. Duncan did as much for the church as any man. During his pastorate several of the world's greatest preachers held meetings in our church. Some of whom were Dr. Vining of Toronto, George B. McDaniel of the \$75,000,000 campaign, Dr. A. C. Dickson who has pastored in Spurgeon Tabernacle in London and Henry Ward Beecher's Church in New York and Dr. Geo. W. Truett of Dallas.
  - R. F. Jenkins was one of the church's most beloved pastors.
- Dr. C. B. Jackson came to us in 1935 and was our pastor until December 1946. The church grew in membership, in spiritual power and financially. During his pastorate much improvement was made in the auditorium and physical plant. He is now associate superintendent of the Department of Evangelism of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.
- Dr. J. F. Murrell was a good pastor. His wife was a great church worker. He has sent to the church membership the following personal message concerning his ministry+here:

"Two outstanding things occurred during my ministry there. First, was a Sunday school enlargement compaign which resulted in a complete reorganization of the Sunday school. This enlargement campaign so accentuated the need for better housing facilities that it awakened the spirit which led to the building program so successfully carried out under succeeding pastors. Then, a fervent spirit of evangelism was awakened during a revival led by the late Dr. C. E. Matthews which resulted in greatly increasing the number of baptisms over the preceeding years."

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A. H. Mitchell, pastor here in 1891, preached the funeral of Henry W. Grady.

Dr. H. B. Pender, born in North Carolina, was reared and educated in Mississippi. After serving in the Conferedate Army from March 1862 until February 1865 he began his work as a minister of the gospel. He pastored this church from 1883 until 1889. He lived until May 5, 1930.

Dr. Richard Poss came as pastor the latter part of 1951 and served nearly four years. He was a good pastor and good organizer of church activity.

Dr. A. W. Reeves was pastor from 1931 through 1934. He was a dynamic preacher. He led in building and completion of the annex north of the main auditorium. Dr. Reeves sends this personal message to the people here:

'There are indeed some precious memories associated with my ministry there; though it was at a time when the financial depression was at its worst. The people never complained, nor faltered in their devotion and loyalty to the Lord. It was at the depth of that depression that the loyal members rallied to the challenge of the enlargement program by erecting and paying for a very commodious. Educational Building.

You have a great people to work with and I am confident that this Centennial will be but a mile-stone pointing to greater victories for the Lord. Their love and cooperation with me while their pastor will be cherished with a deep sense of gratitude as long as life shall last."

Dr. W. R. White was a great preacher. During his pastorate the Sunday school and Training Union made great progress. He served from 1926 to 1928. At present he is president of Baylor University having held this position since February 1, 1948.

Dr. Raleigh White became pastor of our church December 1, 1917. To return as evangelist to the Home Mission Board he resigned March 1, 1919. He is Doctor of Divinity. Doctor of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy. During his pastorate he was a tireless worker and continues to serve the Lord in this church as a Sunday school teacher in Adult 5 department of our Sunday school. It is a distinct privilege to have Dr. and Mrs. Wright as members of our church today.



Al Stringfellow, Minister of Education 1955-1956

sends this personal greeting to his friends and members:

"The two happiest years of my entire ministry were spent in Greenville. There will never be a people as kind and Christian as the members of your great church. I loved every moment of my service with you."

During his ministry here the Sunday school became fully graded.

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## SOME FAITHFUL WORKERS OF THE CENTURY

First Row:
Louis Andrews
Tom Bethell
Judge Charles Berry
E. D. Barlow
P. A. Bouknight

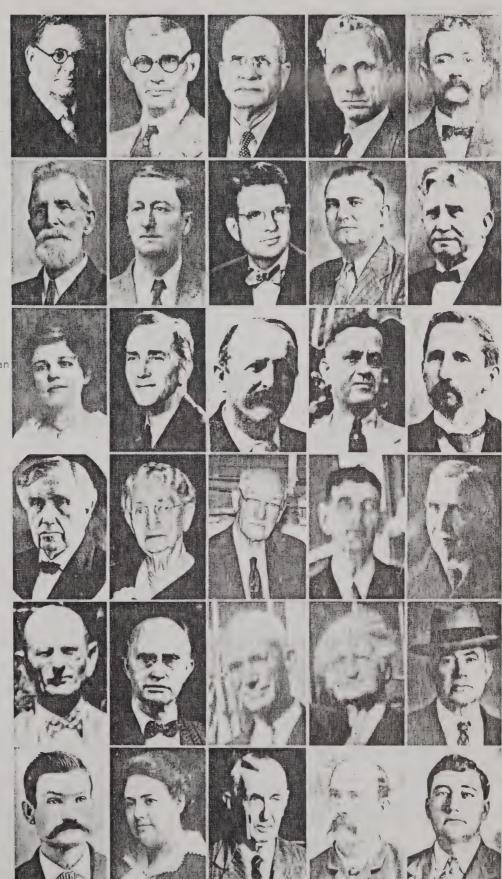
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B. Q. Evans
O. A. Evans
J. W. Garnett

Fourth Row:
W. I. Gibson
Mrs. Al Harrison
Dave Hemsell
Hal Husbands
E. W. Harrison

Fifth Row:
G. A. Holland
John F. Ivy
W. H. James
Mrs. W. H. James
L. L. Jones

Sixth Row: R. F. Jones Mrs. D. M. Kirk Dr. King Robert A. King Orr Little





First Row:
Mack Livingston
Hon. B. F. Looney
Mrs. B. F. Looney
E. F. Marchman
Sam Mays

Second Row:
Mrs. W. T. Monroe
Joe M. Moore
A. S. McBride
W. M. McBride
Mrs. W. M. McBride

Third Row:
Gene Norton
Judge William Pierson
W. C. Poole
Mrs. W. C. Poole
J. C. Priester

Fourth Row: W. P. Reeves W. L. Robbins Hale Salter Mr. Schenck R. D. Thompson

Fifth Row:
R. M. White
Mrs. R. M. White
W. L. Wilbanks
J. W. Wilkins
Frank P. Wood





#### BRIEF SKETCHES OF SOME MEMBERS OF YESTERY EAR

Robert A. King, W. C. Poole, and P. A. Bouknight were powers in our church attested by the fact their names were on the corner stone of our church sanctuary.

Louis Andrews was one of our best deacons and shook hands with more people in our church than any other man.

Guy Baldwin, a deacon, a great teacher, a great worker, one who loved the work.

E. D. Barlow was a deacon for years, was always wanting the church to grow and prosper.

Judge Charles Berry came to our church about 1935. He and Mrs. Berry were very active, taking part and helping in many ways to promote the work. He was teacher of a men's class for many years.

Tom P. Bethell was a consistent worker and was superintendent of the Sunday school.

N. O. Blades' faith was great and he could be counted on for the right at all times.

Guy Blair was an active deacon in the 1920's. He is still making a great contribution to work in a Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Texas.

W. B. Bryan was a deacon for more than 20 years and one of the best ushers the church ever had.

Judge L. A. Clark was a fine deacon and served as superintendent of the Sunday school 1914-1918.

Judge B. F. Crosby was one of our best deacons and a fine teacher. Always working for the church to grow and reach more people for Christ. He was a great man of prayer.

C. E. Dinkle was a deacon for more than forty years and he led the choir for over thirty years.

O. A. Evans was elected treasurer of our church in November 1928 and served until 1940. He served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and a teacher.

B. Q. Evans was born at Elijay, Georgia. He married Ariah M. Thompson. Once Rev. Jenkins told him that he was going to call on him for prayer ahead of time, so he wrote out a short prayer and laid the paper in his lap and just as Brother Jenkins called on him to pray the piece of paper blew away down the aisle so Mr. Evans said, "Pray yourself". He was a man of great faith and the most optimistic man I ever saw in all my life.

W. I. Gibson was one of the best Bible scholars in the state and a great teacher.

Mrs. Al Harrison joined the church in 1883 and was for years one of the greatest workers in the WMU. She plans to attend the centennial service. SHE IS THE OLDEST LIVING MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH.

E. W. Harrison was a dependable deacon for many years.

Judge D. L. Hemsell has been a member of the church more than 52 years. His wife was active in church working up until the last year of her life which was 1955.

G. A. Holland was one of our good deacons, faithful and loyal aways for anything to help the church.

W. H. James was treasurer of our church from 1908 to 1928. He was a good worker. His wife organized the James Bible Class.

Mrs. Douglas King was superintendent of the Primary department for years; then was a teacher in the women's classes and was one our greatest teachers.

Dr. H. E. King was regular in attendance, was a good deacon and consistent in his giving.

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### LABORERS TOGETHER—YOUR CHURCH STAFF



Pastor and Mrs. Neal T. Jones Neal, Jr. (Buddy), Teresa Elizabeth (Betsy) and Jeffrey



Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Robinson



Mr. and Mrs. C. Lamar Alexander and Charlotte







Miss Bessie Salter Financial Secretary (16 years)



Left: Mrs. Chas. Clayton Nursery Supervisor

Right: Mrs. Sid Welborn Hostess





Left:
Sid Welborn
Building
Supervisor
(12 years)
Right:
H. L. Lona
Assistant





#### Resident Membership compiled May 4, 1958

Abbott, J. H. Abbott, Mrs. J. H. Abbott, Norma Abernathy, Mrs. W. I. Acker, Francis Acker, Mrs. Francis Acker, Mignon Acker, Mrs. Walter Adams, Mrs. C. M. Aldridge, T. B. Aldridge, Mrs. T. B. Aldridge, John Aldridge, Suzanne Alexander, C. Lamar Alexander, Mrs. C. Lamar Alexander, Charlotte Van Allen, D. Truman Allen, Mrs. D. Truman Allen, Jack Allen, Elbert F. Allen, Mrs. Elbert F. Allen, Mrs. Ruby Smith Allen, J. B. Allison, Mrs. William F. Anderson, Bob T. Anderson, Mrs. Bob T. Andrews, Mrs. Louis Anglin, Milbern F. Anglin, Mrs. Milbern F. Anglin, Larry Arant, Charles E., Sr. Arant, Mrs. Charles E., Sr. Arant, Charles E., Jr. Arant, Mrs. Charles E., Jr. Arey, Mrs. John Arnold, Mrs. Earl Atkisson, J. M. Attison, Harold J. Attison, Mrs. Harold J. Attison, Harold J., Jr. Attison, Mary Lou

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Banks, Brenda Nell Banks, Sharon Banks, Thomas Wayne Barbary, W. H. Barbary, Mrs. W. H. Barbee, W. H. Barker, Mrs. W. C. Barlow, Mrs. E. D. Barton, Robert L. Barton, Mrs. Robert L. Bass, Molton, Jr. Battle, J. L. Battle, Mrs. J. L. Battle, Larry Baumgardner, Mrs. W. B. Baumgardner, Philip Bean, Mrs. T. Naurice Beasley, Mrs. Elizabeth Beene, Miss Naubie Beene, Sim Beggs, Mrs. Thomas W. Beggs, Joe Thomas Belew, Mrs. C. T. Bell, Mrs. T. V. Bell, Wanda Bennett, Robert Charles Benson, F. E. Benson, Mrs. F. E. Benson, Lee Berry, Mrs. Charles D. Berry, Mrs. John Berry, W. A. Berry, Mrs. W. A. Bibb, Mrs. O. C. Biggs, W. E. Biggs, Mrs. W. E. Bingham, Mrs. Essie Birkenbuel, Frank P. Birkenbuel, Mrs. Frank Birkenbuel, Donna Sue Birkenbuel, Sharon Kay Bishop, Bobby Bishop, Doris Blades, Anna Blalack, Mrs. Kathleen Bland, James F. Bland, Mrs. James F. Blanton, Louis T. Blanton, Mrs. Louis T. Blanton, Marilyn Blanton, Sharon Sue Bogan, Mrs. J. A. Bolch, Wesley Bolch, Mrs. Wesley Bolch, Danny Bolch, Teddy Bolton, J. Winford Bolton, Mrs. J. Winford

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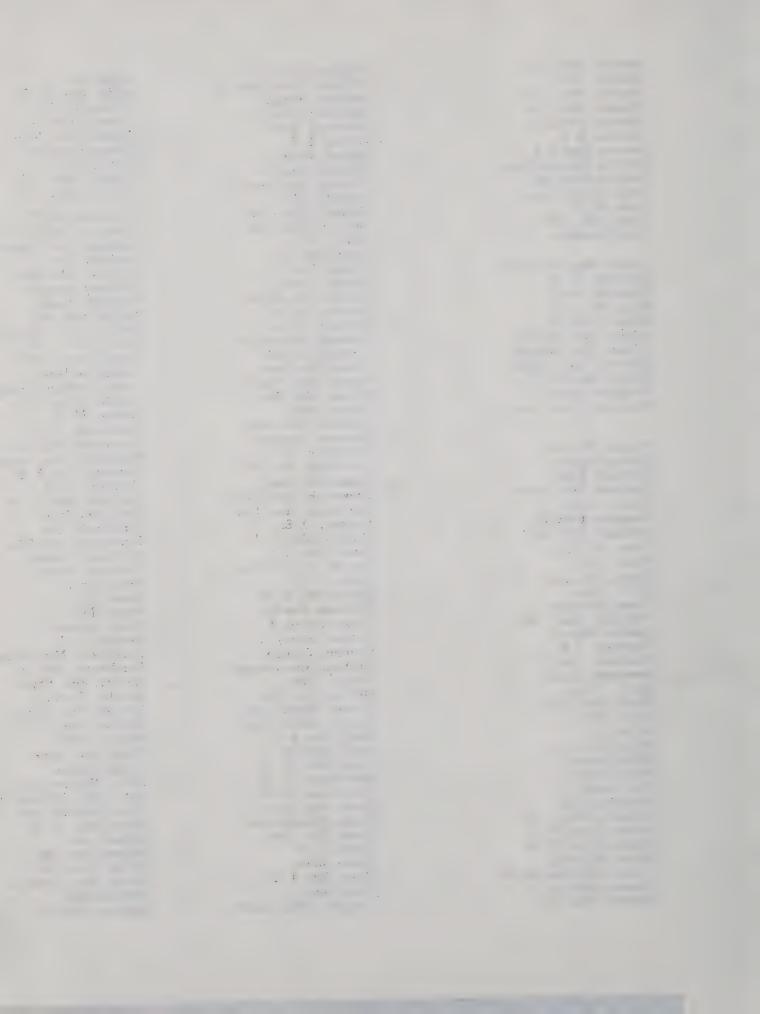
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